

Department of Neighborhoods

Yvonne Sanchez, Director

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To:

Honorable Greg Nickels, Mayor

City of Seattle

From: Yvonne Sanchez, Director

Department of Neighborhoods

Re:

Neighborhood Plan Implementation Progress Report

My accountability agreement with you includes a status report on implementation of the City of Seattle's Neighborhood Plans. To that end, I have enclosed a Plan Implementation Fact Sheet for each of the thirty-eight neighborhoods involved in Neighborhood Planning.

The planning process itself was extensive, beginning in 1995 and ending in 1999. The Plans reflect the countless hours spent by many volunteer community members who cared enough about their neighborhood to participate. The implementation timeline for Neighborhood Plans is twenty-years. We have sixteen years to go; and yet, we are moving quickly, accomplishing a great deal during the last four years.

It is worthy to note that over these past four years the City has invested approximately \$55 million per year for a total of \$220 million implementing what is called for in the Plans. In addition to this investment, the City has benefited from \$11 million worth of community volunteer work, donations from foundations and developers, and volunteer participation of non-city government agencies. This \$11 million is the match amount to \$8.8 million the Department of Neighborhood provided in Matching Fund dollars to community groups initiating projects called for in their Neighborhood Plans.

Working together, City residents and City government staff are investing in our City's future, forging a joint vision for Seattle we will all be proud of.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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